

# TORRANCE MISCUES PROVE DOWNFALL; MICOHI WINS

A smooth fielding Mira Costa team slipped the second Bay League loss on the Tartars Tuesday at Micohi, 6-2. The winners whipped out two fast double plays in the last two innings to nip potential big innings by the locals in the bud.

## Metro Spikers Resume Track Slate Tomorrow

Rain played havoc with the Metropolitan Conference Track schedule last week end with the Friday downpour accounting for the cancellation of all meets.

The meets postponed last Friday have been scheduled for later dates with the Harbor, Bakersfield and East Los Angeles affair taking place next Tuesday, at East Los Angeles, The Valley, El Camino and Santa Monica. A 3-way meet is scheduled for later in the season at Santa Monica.

The big meet tomorrow takes place at Valley JC with top seeded East LAJC taking on the second place Valley Monarchs. Coach Ray Smith's East L. A. Huskies enter the meet with a 4.0 Metropolitan Conference record, while Valley has dropped only one in four and that a close 64-58 loss to Bakersfield College.

Comparing individual performances, Valley should dominate the track event. East L. A. gets a slight edge in the field events with the relay a nip and tuck affair. Top performers include Valley's Kenny Dennis in the sprints, Ken West in the quarter, Rudy Jackson in the 880, Don George in the hurdles, and Jack Lyon and Clark Holden in the shot/discus events. First Los Angeles boasts Garfield Frinlay and Willie Penn in the sprints. Ray Meza in the distance events. Melvyn Mead in the hurdles, and top notch polevaulter Duane Telloano.

## 'Birds Try Again Sunday

Torrance's Bluebirds have yet to play their 1956 semi-pro opener as the local nine was rained out of its scheduled date last Sunday with a Highland Park team at Torrance Park.

Manager Jack French has reported the 'Birds will try again here Sunday at 2 p.m., when they host the Los Angeles White Sox. Tom Vanderpool, Charlie Camou and Jack Robinson will each hurl three innings in dividing the pitching duties for the local club.

## Kimonyi's 39 Tops NHS Golf

North High's crack golf squad swamped Hawthorne in Pioneer League match play Monday at Western Ave. Course, 42-12, with the Saxons' Rich Kimonyi topping scores with a 39.

Bill Wilson, Dave Scott and Gary Little all checked in with 41s for the Saxons. Steve Kroll had a 42 and Nick Urban checked in with a 46 for the nine holes to round out the Saxons' cards.

Coach Bill Wood will take his golfers to Fox Hills Country Club tomorrow for a league date with Culver City. Tee-off time is 2:30 p.m.

## Eight Team Softball League For Torrance Will Begin Next Month

An eight-team softball league for Torrance this summer appears to be a certainty if early interest holds up. Elmer "Red" Moon, city athletic director, said this week.

Representatives from nine organizations were present at a recent meeting and assisted in the establishment of rules and conditions of play for the league which is slated to get under way either on May 7 or May 14.

Games will be played on Mondays and Wednesdays in Torrance Park, two games being scheduled on each of these days until Aug. 22. No games are scheduled for Memorial Day and July 4.

## Rule Changes

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to nip potential big innings by the locals in the bud.

Linton got some help from Torrance's unsteady infield, which has looked brilliant at times this year. Miles Bertoleto, second sacker, and John Emery, at third, both committed a brace of errors, while Bob Clifford, who was at first for the injured Gene Crenshaw, bobbled once.

Clifford, Emery, Bob Grajeda and Tom Mills, each got a hit for the Tartars. Mills' big blow was a triple.

Mills went all the way on the mound, yielding eight hits. But the five errors behind him did as much damage as the Mustangs' bats.

Coch Dave Dana, in an effort to test more punch in the squad, sent Toby Venable and Emery down to the Jayvees yesterday.

Torrance (2)	AB	R	H	E
Valencia, ss	3	0	0	0
Tiernan, rf	3	0	0	0
Clifford, cf, 1b	3	0	1	1
Bertoleto, 2b	1	0	0	2
Venable, lf	3	1	0	0
Emery, 3b	3	0	1	2
Crenshaw, 1b	0	0	0	0
Hanon, cf	2	0	0	0
Grajeda, c	2	1	1	0
Mills, p	2	1	0	0
	22	2	4	5

Mira Costa (6)	AB	R	H	E
Castricone, ss	4	1	1	0
Butler, 3b	3	1	1	0
Beard, 2b	3	0	1	0
Warren, c	2	0	1	0
Ayers, cf	3	0	1	0
Stevley, lf	3	0	2	0
Robert, 1b	3	0	0	0
McCourt, rf	3	2	1	0
Linton, p	2	1	1	0
	26	6	8	0

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Mills and Grajeda; Linton and Warren.

Each boy participating in the derby will build his own model race car with the assistance of his father. The cars then will be entered in playground races and finally, a city-wide race will decide the Torrance champion.

## Model Derby Being Backed By Rec Office

Torrance fathers and sons will team together in competition in the first annual 500 Meter Model Derby, now being sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department.

Three divisions have been set up for entrants. Boys 12 to 14 years will compete against each other as will boys in the 10 to 11 age bracket. Boys nine years and under will form a separate division.

A complete construction kit, containing all the essentials for constructing a model, may be purchased for 25 cents from any playground director or at the recreation office.

Elimination contests will be run off Saturday at the following areas: Crenshaw School, 10:30 a.m.; McMaster Park, 1 p.m.; Cary School, 2:30 p.m.; and Steele School, 4 p.m. More eliminations are set April 28 at Torrance Park, Fern-Greenwood School and Meadow Park, and May 5 at Walteria Park, Seaside School and El Retiro Park.

On May 12 two cars will be selected from each area to compete for city honors at the Civic Auditorium on May 26. All entries will be judged on workmanship, color and design.

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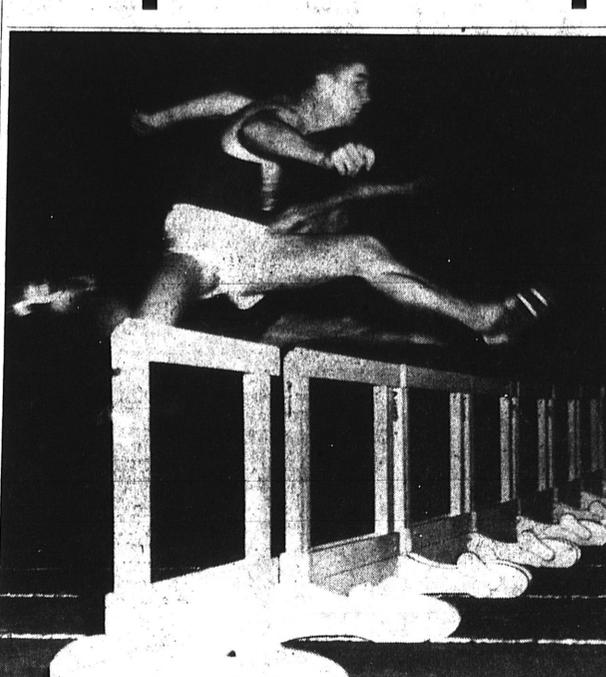
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# TARTARS SECOND IN RELAYS

## Prep Nines Drop League Contests



ON WAY TO WIN... Joe Ruben, Torrance hurdler, skims over lows on second leg of 480-yard shuttle hurdle race Tuesday night at Inglewood Relays. Pressing him on outside is Centennial entrant, Torrance team of Skip Smith, Ruben, Gary and Duane Cooke tied meet record of 53.9 set last year by fine Centennial team in beating the same school by three yards Tuesday. Gary Cooke, ace sprinter, started on his lap even with Apache runner, but sped to three-yard lead which Duane held for victory.

## Torrance Sprint Relay Team Beats Centennial

Centennial's two-year reign as sprint champions, which carried them to league, CIF and state team titles in 1955, was halted Tuesday night at the Inglewood Relays as the Tartars split honors in the sprint races with the Apaches.

The meet marked the first time this year the Tartars, who have the best sprinters in their history this year, and the Centennial bunch had met face-to-face in 1956. The meet started off with a bang, with the locals edging Centennial by three yards in the 480-yard shuttle hurdle relay.

Gary and Duane Cooke, Skip Smith and Joe Ruben made up the winning team but the issue was somewhat in doubt until Gary Cooke took his turn. In his first try at hurdling, Gary gave his brother Duane a three-yard lead in the anchor lap and Duane romped home easily.

Then, in the 440-yard relay, Centennial and Torrance sprinters were just about even until a bad pass on the last lap put Gary Cooke behind. He seemed to float for a few yards, then took off but couldn't catch the Apaches' John Vallery.

Revenge was sweet in the final event, the half-mile relay, when Gary Cooke, Duane Cooke, Smith and Tom Brown loured the distance in 1:31.6 to set a THS record and trounce Vallery and his mates by two yards. Brown, a junior, ran a beautiful third lap, making up about eight yards on the Centennial runner.

The Tartars also took third in the shot put to get a second place tie with Santa Monica in the Varsity division. Centennial won easily, while THS and Samsohl each had 21 points.

Cee Sprinters Win In the Class B events, the Tartars took a second in the pole vault and a fourth in the shot.

Cee sprinters Gary Vom Steeg, Jim Patrick, Dennis Lupin and George Boscon outdistanced Santa Monica in the 880.

## SAXON JAYVEES IN 14-9 LEAGUE WIN

North High's Jayvee nine started its Pioneer League season Tuesday on a resounding note in smashing Culver City, 14-9, on the Saxon diamond.

Coach Bill Ellings' Saxonvets were led by Bill Nissen, Robert Romero and Dale Hardman, each of whom swatted two hits in the fray.

Today the NHS JV's tangle with Beverly Hills at Beverly Hills in a Pioneer League go. Game time is 3 p.m.

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## North High Streak Stopped By Culver

Coach Del Nuzum's Saxon nine couldn't get enough base hits Tuesday in their Pioneer League game at Culver City in falling to the Centaur club, 7-1.

After taking three straight wins, two in league play, the Saxons couldn't find the offensive punch to keep up the pace.

Today, the locals host Beverly Hills in another loop game. Play ball time will be 3 p.m. on the North High diamond in the rear of the high school.

Ron Anderson did his part again, twirling a five-hitter and bashing out two hits in three trips to the plate for North High. But his mates couldn't solve the offerings of Bill Gibson, Culver hurler. Don Bolde, first sacker, and second baseman Bob Harris were the only other Saxons to hit safely off Gibson. They each got a lone safety.

Culver was running behind, 1-0, until the last half of the third inning when they touched Anderson for three runs. The winners got three more in the fifth and one in the sixth to end the scoring.

North High tallied first in the top of the second inning to take a temporary lead.

North High (1)	AB	R	H	E
Simpson, ss	4	0	0	0
Beckett, 3b	3	0	0	0
Anderson, p	3	0	2	0
Stlinger, rf	3	0	0	0
De Paola, cf	2	1	0	0
Bledsoe, c	2	0	0	0
Grieshaber, 2b	2	0	0	0
Harris, 2b	1	0	1	0
Bolde, 1b	3	0	1	0
Wyley, if	3	0	0	0
Totals	26	1	4	0

Culver City (7)	AB	R	H	E
Blackwood, ss	4	1	0	0
Dillenbeck, 2b	4	1	2	0
Ewin, 1b	3	1	0	0
Burch, if	2	1	1	0
Gibson, p	2	0	0	0
Medaglia, c	1	1	0	0
Anderson and Bledsoe; Gibson and Medaglia.	3	0	1	0
Hollis, 3b	3	0	0	0
Levin, rf	2	2	1	0
Totals	24	7	5	0

## Saxons Host Tartars, LHS

Torrance and Leuzinger track teams will be guests of North High's Saxons tomorrow in a 2:30 p.m. triangular meet on the NHS oval.

It will be the final non-league competition for all three schools before league preliminaries are held next week.

## Hardware Cage Team Defeated

Lovely's Hardware cagers dropped their second straight game in the Compton Spring League Monday, 69-43, to the Valley All Stars from Van Nuys High School.

Jerry Mathews, forward, had 21 to lead the Hardware team's attack. Koomer, a forward, netted 22 for the winners with 20 of his points coming on free throws.

The Lovelady's five, made up of Torrance High varsity and Jayvee cagers, will next compete late in May.

Stung by the loss of their number two player, Tartar golfers won their Bay League opener at Palos Verdes CC Monday, thrashing Inglewood, 286-307, in medal play.

The THS squad was to have launched its league season last Thursday with Redondo but rain took care of that. The Redondo-Torrance make-up match will probably come off after the rest of the Bay schedule has been completed.

Denny Stewart, who figured prominently in Coach Joe Stuart's plans to capture the loop flag this year, has upped and joined the Army, it was reported. Stewart has been a steady number two man on the squad behind Ron Hase, Tartar ace.

Hase checked in with a 43 Monday to top all entries. He was followed by Tartars Terry Murphy, 44; Bruce Bielefeld, 46; Doug Mills, 49; Jerry Thrall, 50; and Steve Sherry, 54.

The locals host Mira Costa tomorrow at PV in their second Bay League outing. Monday Stuart takes his stokers to Western Ave. Course for their first loop joust with Leuzinger High.

Leuzinger is the defending Bay champion. The Tartars came in second to the Olympians in 1955 and it looks like the two squads will show down again for the title. Each has beat the other once in non-league matches this season.

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## Saxon Cagers Get Letters At School Affair

Cage letters for the first Saxon basketball teams were awarded last week in a special assembly at North High. Highlight of the affair was the naming of Ron Anderson, a forward, as the Most Valuable Player on the Varsity.

Varsity letters went to Anderson, Roger Snell, Ron Petrilli, Bud Ritter, Steve Beckett, Ken Simpson, Don Bolde, Chuck Richardson and Manager Dennis Harris. Coach Bill Wood made the presentations.

Al Bledsoe, Bill Nissen, Duane Whitehead, Dave Scott, Dave Campbell, Ray Grieshaber, Bruce Stinger, Francis Theroux and Charlie Morris, manager, were the Jayvee letter winners.

Saxonvets monograms were given to Richard Romero, Don and Ron Haydon, Jim Snell, Dave Rabbitt, Fred Lee, Joe Hedgecock, Robert Bybee, Robert Vickers, Phil Plummer, Jerry Christensen and Don Schair, manager.

Cee letter winners included John McMillan, Tom Espinosa, Tak Hiramoto, Gary Little, Bob Rustrum, Mike Pearman, Tony Mance, Dave Hagan, and Manager Larry Murst.

## Stock Cars At Gardena

Modified stock car racing will make its appearance next Sunday at Gardena Stadium, 139th St. and Western Ave., according to Harry Schooler, track manager.

Hudsons Dodges and Chevrolts will challenge the Fords in a show that should be replete with thrills right down to the last checked flag.

Main events, which begin at 2:30 p.m., will be televised until 5:30 p.m. over KTTV, channel 11. Time trials will start at 1 p.m.



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